Friday Update: August 2, 2002

Enrolling Beginning Teachers

Mark your calendars for August 8, 2002, from 10 a.m. -12 p.m. when a general information and update session will be held for superintendents and other interested school district officials in the Indiana Government Center South Auditorium, Indianapolis, on the internship and support for beginning teachers program. A one-hour presentation will be followed by an open question and answer session.

2002-03 Beginning Teacher Internship Program

The following information is intended to dispel rumors and to present correct information:

- For the coming academic year, beginning teachers will complete a one-year internship.
- For the coming academic year, beginning teachers <u>will not</u> be required to complete a portfolio nor will they be required to enroll in the 2003-04 two-year Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment program.
- Mentors will be paid \$600 stipends. Mentors of beginning teachers who are enrolled by October 1 will be paid in March 2003. Mentors of beginning teachers who are enrolled after October 1 will be paid in July 2003.

2002-03 License Renewal and Continuing Education

The following information is intended to dispel rumors and to present correct information:

- Portfolios are <u>not</u> required for license renewal. Teachers, administrators, and school services personnel may renew their licenses with 6 semester hours or 90 CRUs as applicable. Teachers may also renew their licenses by completing the process of National Board Certification.
- Portfolios are part of a pilot project for Professional Growth Plans for school administrators that will be implemented with volunteers during the coming academic year. This pilot for license renewal for administrators is built on a similar project that has been developed for teachers the past 6 years.

Licensing Test for School Leaders Recommendation

The July 19 issue of the Friday Update included a recommendation from the External Committee for School Leaders that will go to the Board in September. The recommendation is for testing all applicants for an <u>original</u> school administration license after January 1, 2003. Principals, superintendents, and others who already hold an administrative license will not be required to take the test.

Checks for Mentors for 2001-02 Academic Year

The funds have been transferred to the IPSB. We are still waiting for information from another state agency on which budget line they are in. As soon as we have that information...

Did you know?

The Help Desk responded to 556 e-mail inquiries in July.